



# WEEKLY REPORT

## ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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*For the week ending Friday, June 25, 2004*

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### ASRS News

#### **ASRS Board of Trustees approves contract for retiree health insurance provider**

The ASRS Board of Trustees approved on Friday, June 18, to continue with PacifiCare as the sole provider of the ASRS retiree health insurance plan. The selection came after months of study and a process that drew multiple proposals from other health insurance companies. In the end, the Board agreed to continue with PacifiCare, which has been the provider the past several years. And, there will be no increases to health insurance premiums for 2005 or 2006. In addition, the Board agreed to continue with the popular ScriptSave prescription program. A more detailed report on the health insurance plan will be coming soon.

#### **July Board of Trustee meeting coming to Flagstaff!**

The next ASRS Board of Trustee meeting will take place Friday, July 16 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Although the majority of Board meetings take place at the ASRS Phoenix office, the Board makes an effort to reach out to members throughout the state by conducting business meetings periodically in northern and southern Arizona.

The July 16 meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., and will take place at the Facility Service Conference Room A, 575 Pine Knoll Drive, on the NAU campus. The agenda will feature an overview of the ASRS programs and benefits by Director Paul Matson along with other topics. A complete agenda will be made available before the meeting. The Board looks forward to seeing our members, employer representatives and retirees from the northern Arizona region at the meeting!

#### **Notification of 2004-05 contribution rates**

The ASRS has mailed a notification letter to all member employers concerning the contribution rate for fiscal year 2004-05, which begins July 1, 2004. The contribution rate will remain at 5.7 percent for both the employer and employee. The rate includes 5.2 percent for the defined benefit pension plan, and 0.50 for long-term disability coverage.

It's important that the ASRS is kept advised on personnel changes in your human resources or finance departments. If you did not receive the letter, or have had turnover or a change in the contact person or persons responsible for working with the ASRS, please let us know. Email changes to [weeklyreport@asrs.state.az](mailto:weeklyreport@asrs.state.az), or call (602) 308-5107.

## **Employer Conferences**

The Arizona State Retirement System is presenting the annual Employer Conference with sessions beginning next month and continuing through mid-September. The meetings are for representatives from employer benefits, human resource and payroll departments and individuals who provide administrative support.

All meetings will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will cover such topics as implications of new legislation, including changes to the Service Purchase and Employer Retirement Incentive programs; contribution accounting; security and the internet and automation of ACH payments; military call up; termination pay; Long Term Disability program changes; eligibility requirements; the ASRS retiree health insurance program, including new carrier information; updated forms, and new employer staff training workshop information.

Below is a list of meeting dates and locations. Due to limited space, reservations are required. Please RSVP at least three weeks prior to the meeting date. Include in your RSVP email the employer name, attendee names and titles, phone numbers, date and location. Please send your RSVP to: michellef@asrs.state.az.us, or, for more information contact:

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### **2004 ASRS Employer Conference Schedule**

**Phoenix** – July 13, 22, 27; August 3, 5, 17; September 9  
ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10<sup>th</sup> floor

**Tucson** – July 15 & August 19  
ASRS Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd. Suite 101

**Flagstaff** – August 11  
Coconino County Board of Supervisors building, 219 E. Cherry Road

**Holbrook** – August 12  
Northland Pioneer College Painted Desert Campus, 993 E. Hermosa Drive

**Show Low** – August 13  
Northland Pioneer College, White Mountain Campus Symposium Room, 1001 W. Deuce of Clubs

**Globe** – August 30  
Gila County Board of Supervisors Room, 1400 E. Ash St.

**Sierra Vista** – August 31  
Police Dept, 911 N Coronado Drive

**Safford** – September 1  
Graham County Board of Supervisors Room, 921 Thatcher Blvd.

**Prescott/Chino Valley** – September 14  
Yavapai College, Performance Hall Green Room, 1100 E. Sheldon

**Kingman** – September 15  
Kingman School District Conference Room, 3033 MacDonald Ave.

**Yuma** – September 16  
City of Yuma Conference Room 190, One City Plaza

## **Board & Committee Meetings**

- **ASRS Board of Trustees** – Friday, July 16, 9:30 a.m., in Flagstaff at the Facility Service Conference Room A, 575 Pine Knoll Drive, on the NAU campus.
- **External Affairs Review Committee** – Friday, July 2, 2 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.
- **Investment Review Committee** – Tuesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.
- **Operations Review Committee** – Thursday, July 22, 10:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

*Note: All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of our meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.*